

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:	Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
	Vice-Chairman	Don Warntz, II
	Supervisor	John T. Sipe
	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
	Solicitor	Timothy Searer
	Park Manager	Josh Garver

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A workshop was held immediately before this meeting with representatives of the organizations that hold Leases with the Township. The yearly meeting is held to discuss any problems or activities of the various leagues. Chairman Napikoski informed each league, as leaseholder, must make sure any outside organization the leaseholder allows to use its facilities/fields has a valid Certificate of Insurance naming Derry Township as additional insured and provide the Township office with the name and proposed activities/events to be held. The Park Manager was also in attendance and noted that the Mifflin Co. Youth Baseball League, the Mifflin Co. Pony League and the Yeagertown Baseball League have bleachers that need repairs and represent a hazard to attendees. Josh will work with each league and provide what materials he can to assist them with the repairs. The Pony League wishes to remove most of the bleachers since people do not use them anyway. This was agreeable to the Board. The Pony League will advertise the old pile of Diamond-Tex for fill. The Kish Slow Pitch League will provide a schedule of their games. They are willing to donate two more tables for the new pavilion. The Yeagertown Baseball League asked for some help with a drainage problem at their dugout. The Park Manager will see that they get some help from the Township Road Dept on digging a ditch and rolling their field. The League was also asked to trim brush and limbs back from around the field. There were no representatives from the Mifflin Co. Rockers or Central Keystone Football League in attendance.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, March 6, 2023 Regular Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR: Atty. Searer noted that Tucker/Arensberg is ready to move forward with another Zoning Amendment Workshop. He said that the Solar Energy portion is almost complete and that they will go into more details for regulations on Wind Energy.

R. Napikoski noted that the Mifflin Co. Tomahawks adult amateur league has been using the Football field at Kish Park and is in fact having a tournament this coming weekend. It was found that they do not have a current Certificate of Insurance on file and the Manager was asked to make sure she is given one prior to the weekend events. Discussion was held on who the present lease holder is for the Kish Park football field. The Manager will attempt to get clarification on that and make sure that a new lease is signed by the proper group. The new lease will begin April 1.

VISITORS: No comments

PARK MANAGER REPORT:

Josh Garver, Park Manager presented a brief report on the Kish Park projects. He noted that the pond project continues to be a problem due to wait times on engineering reports. He also noted that the materials for many of the items will see cost increases on April 1. J. Sipe made a motion to direct the Park

Manager to ask the contractor to purchase the necessary materials prior to April 1 to get the cost savings. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Tax Claim Bureau notified the Township that a bid was received and tentatively accepted by the M. C. Commissioners in the amount of \$500 for property at 545 Woodland Ave., Tax Map # 16 ,20-0623--, 000 that is currently in the Repository for Unsold Properties. This is a property that the Township has been considering demolishing along with the other half of the house owned by another party. Both have been posted as unsafe structures. D. Warntz made a motion to inform the Commissioner’s office that Derry Township wishes to reject the offer. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. D. Warntz made a motion to place a bid on the property in the amount of \$501.00. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. The Manager will move forward with getting an estimate on the cost of demolition of both properties and requesting funds from Mifflin County’s Act 152 funds to assist in the costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Shining Lights Through the Darkness event to be held December 2, 2023 through January 6, 2024. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the bills for February as presented. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the CDBG bills as follows:

NuVisions Center	CV Funds Fair Share-NuVision Sr Net	Inv # 3102023	\$763.13
PBCI-Allen Mech & Electrical	CV Funds Fair Share HVAC Project	Pay App # 2	\$9,868.87

D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Derry Township was awarded an LSA Grant in the amount of \$559,394 for the Kish Park Rehabilitation Project. The total request was for \$969,000. Due to the shortage of almost \$410,000, more funds will be needed to complete the project as planned. The Manager will reach out to Mr. Zubler, DLI and Senator Ward’s office to discuss options.

An executive session was called at 6:03 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe to discuss legal issues surrounding zoning permit violations at the Shy Bear Brewing Restaurant. Executive session ended at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe. Motion carried 3 – 0. Meeting re-convened at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by J. Sipe and seconded by D. Warntz.

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